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CATCHER-VESSEL OBSERVER COVERAGE for 2013/14 BRISTOL BAY RED KING CRAB, BERING SEA SNOW CRAB and EASTERN AND WESTERN BERING SEA TANNER CRAB FISHERIES

This news release lists catcher vessels selected from preseason vessel registrations for observer coverage during the 2013/14 Bristol Bay red king crab, Bering Sea snow crab, and Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner crab fisheries. Total allowable catches (TAC) will be announced in subsequent news releases; this news release does not guarantee that a fishery will open during the 2013/14 season.

Each selected catcher vessel will be required to carry a crab observer during 100 percent of the time the vessel is conducting fishing activities in a designated fishery. In addition to vessels selected for observer coverage, a list of alternate vessels is provided in the order of selection to carry an observer if a selected vessel does not participate. If the alternate list is exhausted during a fishery or in the case of extenuating circumstances, all vessels that are actively fishing may be considered to achieve the targeted level of observer coverage. Late registrants may be required to carry an observer.

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) or the state-contracted observer company, Saltwater Inc., will provide observers for catcher vessels in the Bristol Bay red king crab, Bering Sea snow crab and Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner crab fisheries. Catcher-vessel observer costs in these fisheries will be covered using a combination of ADF&G cost-recovery funds and federal funds. Processing vessels arrange and pay for their own observer coverage. However, provisions are available for catcher-processor vessels to receive reimbursement from ADF&G for 20 percent of their observer costs for Bristol Bay red king crab, and 30 percent of observer costs for Bering Sea snow and Tanner crab. For more information please contact the ADF&G Dutch Harbor observer program office.

All vessels participating in Bering Sea crab fisheries, including those vessels selected to carry an observer, must display proof of compliance with United States Coast Guard (USCG) vessel

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safety requirements. USCG dockside examinations are available in Seattle, Kodiak, and Dutch Harbor.

Observers have rain gear, boots, gloves, survival suit, and a personal flotation device (PFD) for working on deck, along with their own bedding and personal items. Some of the regulatory requirements for a vessel assigned an observer include:

- Provide food and accommodations for the observer equal to those provided for the vessel's crew;
- Provide to the observer daily catch information for each string of fishing gear including statistical areas fished, number of crab retained, number of pots pulled, sample pot locations and other information specified by ADF&G;
- Provide a safe work area and necessary gear, including five totes for the observer to use at all times to hold the contents of crab pots for sampling;
- Assure observer access to single side band (SSB) radio, fax, email or telephone.

Arrangements for an observer on selected catcher vessels must be made by the vessel captain or vessel's agent by notifying the ADF&G-contracted observer provider Saltwater Inc., Dutch Harbor field office phone (907) 581-6611, or Anchorage main office phone (907) 276-3241, at least 10 days prior to when each vessel plans to leave port.

The lists of catcher vessels and alternates selected to carry crab observers for Bristol Bay red king crab, Bering Sea snow crab and Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner crab fisheries are as follows:

BRISTOL BAY RED KING CRAB

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Selected Vessels		Alternates	
<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>	<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Constellation	35629	Karin Lynn	00524
Bering Sea	00052	Victory	77084
Provider	00058	Atlantico	00037
Farwest Leader	35683	Nordic Mariner	00222
Silver Spray	60860	Bering Hunter	60865
Farrar Sea	61954	Wassilie B.	41715
Arctic Mariner	31792	Viking Queen	06434
Scandies Rose	35318		
Bering Star	04147		
Cape Caution	46309		
Zone Five	61718		
Pacific Mariner	00007		
Silver Dolphin	00121		
Kustatan	60210		
North Sea	36047		
Melanie	20363		

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BERING SEA SNOW CRAB*Publication of this list does not guarantee that a fishery will open*

Selected Vessels		Alternates	
<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>	<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Billikin	20745	Victory	77084
Arctic Sea	33696	Jennifer A	35277
Aleutian Mariner	35844	Sandra Five	70770
Arctic Lady	37210	Saga	11022
Brenna A	38923	Zone Five	61718
Island Mist	61791	Starfish	00012
Polar Sea	00303	Alaskan Enterprise	32728
Kevleen K	00960		
Ballyhoo	03645		
Seabrooke	36800		
Bering Star	04147		
Rollo	00030		
Wizard	35265		
Kari Marie	50501		
Trailblazer	33704		
Tempo Sea	40817		
Arctic Mariner	31792		
Alaska Spirit	35949		
Bering Sea	00052		
Sea Spray	00066		
Provider	00058		
Viekoda Bay	57971		
Amatuli	03535		
Arctic Hunter	32554		

EASTERN BERING SEA TANNER CRAB*Publication of this list does not guarantee that a fishery will open***Selected Vessels**

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Kevleen K	00960
Karin Lynn	00524
Bering Sea	00052
Pinnacle	71174
North Sea	36047
Aleutian Lady	56126
Determined	35306
Victory	77084
Destination	42234
Amatuli	03535
Bering Star	04147
Guardian	61571
Valiant	00996
American Lady	00067
Sea Spray	00066
Scandies Rose	35318
Arctic Mariner	31792
Cape Caution	46309
Kustatan	60210
Ocean Fury	00097
Billikin	20745

Alternates

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Pacific Mariner	00007
Arctic Hunter	32554
Farwest Leader	35683
Controller Bay	72847
Keta	07189
Constellation	35629
Paragon	20734

WESTERN BERING SEA TANNER CRAB*Publication of this list does not guarantee that a fishery will open***Selected Vessels**

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Polar Sea	00303
Aleutian Mariner	35844
Rollo	00030
Kona Kai	51347
Determined	35306
North Sea	36047
Trailblazer	33704
Kevleen K	00960
Sea Spray	00066
Victory	77084
Northwestern	29962
Valiant	00996
Controller Bay	72847
Pacific Mariner	00007
Ocean Hunter	40924
Time Bandit	65577
Karin Lynn	00524
Kustatan	60210
American Lady	00067
Destination	42234
Adventure	00965

Alternates

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Guardian	61571
Bering Hunter	60865
Paragon	20734
Nordic Mariner	00222
Western Mariner	00963
Pinnacle	71174
Viekoda Bay	57971